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Will Pigs Fly?

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Well, it wasn't exactly Nixon to China. But it wasn't bean bag either. I'd say the president's State of the Union speech, when it came to calling for an end to our oil addiction and a real push to improve our educational competitiveness, was more like Nixon goes to New Mexico. It was an important change in direction and tone -- but still a long way from China, a long way from a definitive change in policy and implementation.

Oh, come on, Friedman, get real! The president throws a few paragraphs your way and you go all weak in the knees. Show some spine, man! You need to trash this thing. You know these guys are not serious. This is a president who once called for putting a man on Mars and then just dropped it. You assumed they were going to do the Iraq war right -- remember? Look where that got you, you moron. You should have listened to your wife!

Yeah, I know all that. But here's what else I know: Mr. Bush is going to be president for the next three years. We do not have three years to lose -- not on climate change, energy efficiency or improving math/science education. I am not going to sit around for the next three years just trashing these guys and praying that some Democrat gets elected and does all the right things. We don't have time, you moron!

I heard the president use language about the necessity of breaking our oil addiction through innovation on renewable technologies -- without mentioning drilling in Alaska -- which I've never heard before. When the president changes language on an issue like this -- in a sustained manner (and we still have to see if it will be sustained), the whole country and bureaucracy start to talk differently.

All you talk about is talk. How do we lock in some action?

One way is to write your senator and congressman and tell them to support the Vehicle and Fuel Choices for American Security Act. Already supported by key Republicans and Democrats, this draft bill aims to reduce oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels a day by 2015 and 7 m.b.d. by 2025 -- much more than the president's proposal. The bill offers ailing U.S. automakers loan guarantees and other incentives on the condition that they use the money to retool their assembly lines to sharply increase their production of flex-fuel cars, which run on any combination of alcohol and gasoline, as well as hybrid and plug-in hybrid cars and trucks.

The bill is a way to save large amounts of oil quickly, bail out Detroit today before it goes totally bust tomorrow and give Americans real fuel choices. "If you want to send your dollars to the worst regimes in the Middle East, use gasoline -- if you want to send your dollars to the best farms and communities in the Middle West, then use alcohol made from the agricultural resources we grow at home," said the energy expert Gal Luft.

The technology we need to make a huge reduction in our gasoline consumption is already here, hybrid cars that run on flex-fuels. No great breakthrough is required. What's needed are more buyers. While enticing Detroit to make these more fuel-efficient vehicles is a good idea, we also need a gasoline tax to entice every consumer to
buy one. The president rejects a gasoline tax. He's wrong. He can't end our oil addiction unless he ends his tax-cutting addiction.

Good luck, pal. These guys never connect the dots. The president doesn't see that his global democracy-promotion agenda is going to be stymied unless America leads the world away from oil. We are heading into an era we've never seen before: $50- to $60-a-barrel oil for a long time. Five years of that will strengthen the worst regimes and worst corruption trends across the globe, and everyone is just going to coddle these oil regimes to get their crude.

You're right: addicts never tell the truth to their pushers. So here's my bottom line: I'm glad the president is changing his rhetoric on energy and says he is changing his funding priorities. It makes for a great headline. But he has to go much further if he wants to make a great difference. There's no pain-free solution. Remember how President Kennedy ended his May 25, 1961, State of the Union speech calling for a moon shot? He said: "I have not asked for a single program which did not cause one or all Americans some inconvenience, or some hardship, or some sacrifice."

Pigs will fly before Bush says that.

You may be right. And if he fails to carry through with this energy initiative, I'll be the first to rip him for it. In the meantime, I prefer to give him a new reputation to live up to. You never know. And by the way, pal, you got a better horse to ride right now?
Pigs Will Fly: The pig is back! Help this delightful swine to drink his magic potion and grow wings. How? Use your own potions to coordinate your moves in time. Think hard; because it all has to happen at the same time if this pig is going to take off! Oink.

Game description. The pig is back! Help this delightful swine to drink his magic potion and grow wings. How? Use your own potions to coordinate your moves in time. Think hard; because it all has to happen at the same time if this pig is going to take off! Oink.

Instructions. Have You Ever Wondered When will pigs fly? Where did the phrase "when pigs fly" originate? Do other countries use similar phrases? Tags: Maybe pigs will fly some day! Wonderopolis is awesome our whole class loves it, one of are favorite is why do feet stink? I learn new stuff every day just by reading an article! The phrase "when pigs fly" (alternatively, "pigs might fly") is an adynaton—"a figure of speech so hyperbolic that it describes an impossibility. The implication of such a phrase is that the circumstances in question (the adynaton, and the circumstances to which the adynaton is being applied) will never occur. The phrase has been used in various forms since the 1600s as a sarcastic remark. (If the game does not load then refresh the page). Pigs Will Fly is a cute time-traveling multi-cursor puzzle game! It is the sequel to the Flash game Pigs Can Fly for the web - played by millions! Guide the pig to the rainbow potion bottle so he can grow wings and fly away! Select up to six colored potion bottles to move boxes and pop balloons of the same color. Actions of the other colors are replayed, so cooperate with yourself to solve all 40 levels! "When pigs fly" is used to describe an impossible thing, something that will never happen. It's often used humorously or sarcastically, especially as a comment on extreme ambition or deluded self-assurance. Similar: when hell freezes over.